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SUBJECT: LABOR PARTY CONVENTION SCHEDULE

1. THE LABOR PARTY'S CONVENTION OPENS TODAY IN JERUSALEM WITH A STELLAR CAST AND A FATEFUL AGENDA. IN ADDITION TO DECIDING THE HOTLY CONTESTED RABIN/ PERES RACE FOR THE PARTY'S TOP SPOT, THE CONVENTION WILL ADOPT A PLATFORM AND DECIDE WHETHER TO SEAT AS DELEGATES THE OUTGOING CENTRAL COMMITTEE. TONIGHT'S CEREMONIAL SESSION WILL FEATURE SPEECHES BY FOREIGN GUESTS WILLY BRANDT, DUTCH PRIME MINISTER JOOP DEN UYL AND SWEDISH SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER OLAF PALME AS WELL AS PRESIDENT KATZIR, PRMIE MINISTER RABIN, JERUSALEM MAYOR TEDDY KOLLEK AND THE SECRETARIES

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GENERAL OF HISTADRUT (MESCHEL), THE LABOR PARTY (ZARMI) AND MAPAM (TALMI).

2. ON FEBRUARY 23 THE CONVENTION WILL MOVE TO TEL AVIV FOR ITS WORKING SESSIONS. THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS WILL BE THE QUESTION OF ADMITTING THE 570 MEMEBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AS VOTING DELEGATES. RABIN AND PERES

ARE SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE CONVENTION FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR EACH BEGINNING AT 1700 HOURS AND THEN THE VOTING WILL BEGIN. THE BALLOTING WILL TAKE TWO-THREE HOURS, WITH THE RESULTS EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED AROUND MIDNIGHT. WHILE THE COUNTING IS UNDERWAY, THE CONVENTION WILL HEAR SPEECHES BY AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR BRUNO KREISKY, FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTY CHAIRMAN FRANCOIS MITTERRAND, AND SPANISH SOCIALIST PARTY CHAIRMAN FELIPE GONZALES. (COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE SHOULD KNOW THE WINNER BY MIDNIGHT FEBRUARY 23, UNEXPECTED CONTROVERSY OVER SEATING OF THE OUTGOING CENTRAL COMMITTEE COULD DELAY THE VOTE).

3. MEANWHILE AS THE TWO CONTESTANTS FOR THE PARTY LEADERSHIP CONTINUE TO CAMPAIGN ACTIVELY, ADDITIONAL PARTY LEADERS HAVE GONE ON RECORD WITH THEIR PREFERENCES. FORMER PRIME MINISTER GOLDA MEIR PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED HER SUPPORT OF RABIN, A POSITION THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN WIDELY KNOWN. EARLIER, HISTADRUT SECRETARY GENERAL MESHEL HAD ALSO PUBLICLY DECLARED HIS SUPPORT FOR RABIN, WHEREAS SHALOM LEVIN, LABOR MK AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE 50,000 MEMBER NATIONAL TEACHERS' UNION AND A WELL-KNOWN DOVE ANNOUNCED FOR PERES. FOLLOWING A MEETING WITH PERES THE 96 ARAB DELEGATTES TO THE CONVENTION CAUCUSED AND REPORTEDLY AGREED TO VOTE FOR HIM.  
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